

U. S. PTO Customer No. 25280

Case # 5047A

stainproof agent for preventing the reproduced carpet tiles from being stained, an antistatic agent for suppressing static electricity and a germicidal-effect agent having a germicidal effect, the surface treatment step being carried out in the recoloring step or one of steps following the recoloring step.

### REMARKS

Applicants hereby submit a corrected claims section (Amendments to the Claims) in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed October 18, 2004 in connection with an Amendment submitted on May 21, 2004.

Applicants respectfully believe that the present corrected claims section meets the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121 and has the proper status identifiers.

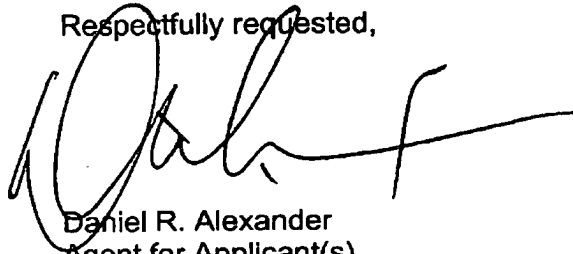
Applicants respectfully request acceptance of the present corrected claims section.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee as may be required for timely acceptance of the Amendment transmitted herewith and to credit any surplus to Deposit Account No. 04-0500. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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